

St. Luke's 2017 Narrative Budget



HOW YOUR MONEY BECOMES MINISTRY



HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD TODAY?

God has created all that there is, including our very selves, our souls and bodies, and has given us abilities and the time to put them to good use in the world.

Stewardship is about being conscious of how we use our time, our talent and our treasure, knowing that it is all a gift from a God who loves us.

When you give of your time, talent and treasure to St. Luke's, you are giving to a community which is a force for God's purposes in the world. Please read further to see how your gift will make a difference and so that you will know you are an essential part of God's purpose through St. Luke's.

Your brother in Christ,
Canon Stuart Pike, Rector



You can donate online through CanadaHelps on the following link:

<http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-parish-church-of-st-luke>

In this case your income tax receipt will be handled by CanadaHelps.

Our Story

Over the past 10 years we have completely rebuilt our Parish Hall and have recently installed a wonderfully engineered insulated roof on our Church. We've also continued to expand the difference we are making to our congregation and the wider community. We cannot do it without your generous stewardship. Our ministry is based on the foundation and example of Jesus Christ and his mission in the world.

Our Parish has six major areas of ministry:

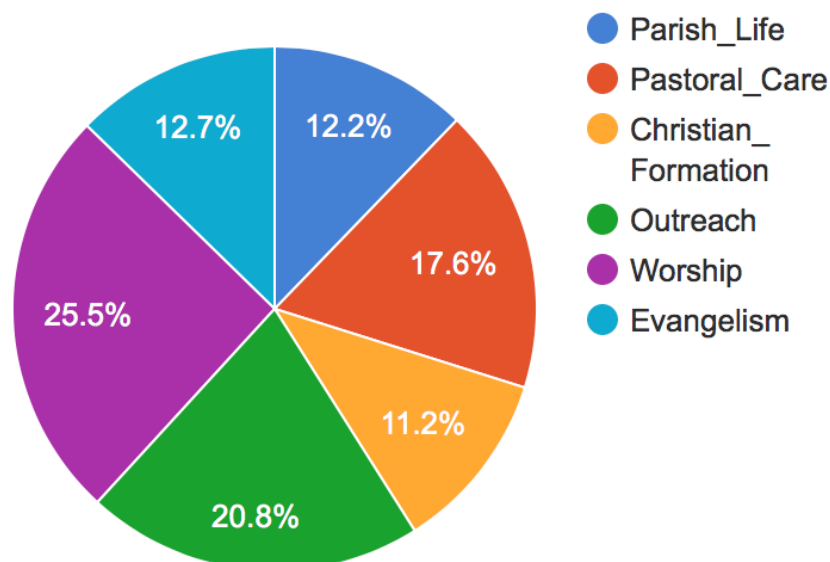
- Parish Life
- Pastoral Care
- Christian Formation
- Outreach
- Worship
- Evangelism

This Narrative Budget translates all the facts and figures of a traditional budget into the narrative of our plans and hopes in ministry for the coming year. Rather than saying how much we spend on light bulbs, it tells us what actions and events were illuminated by those light bulbs and what difference it made in terms of God's purpose. The same goes for all costs, including salaries. All of our expenses are really investments in ministry. How will your donation be used? What ministries and mission will your gift support? What will be accomplished with your support? Please read on and find out the answer to these questions.

It costs \$1,503 per day to operate this Church including all the ministries that we do. We've allocated all our "investments" to our six areas of ministry and calculated our planned ministry investments for 2017.

Here are our investments in ministry expressed as a pie chart. Our total annual expenses are about \$548,490

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Parish Life

John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Fellowship is an essential part of parish life and St. Luke's seems to thrive on it. The activities of our Parish Life, including fund raisers and events, lunches, dinners and social activities display the vibrancy, enthusiasm and dedication of our members. We enjoy each others company and that makes St. Luke's a fun and fulfilling place to be. There are so many programs and opportunities in which you may be involved and we are also looking for new people to bring their own energy into the mix.

Parish Life accounts for 12.2% of our ministry investment or approximately \$67,076.

Pastoral Care

1 Peter 5:2 "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must but because you are willing, as God wants you to be."

Pastoral Care provides spiritual guidance and support to people who may be in crisis (sick, infirm or bereaved) or unable to attend regular services. An enormous amount of dedicated work goes into this ministry (including countless volunteer hours) providing a lifeline to many in their time of need. Members of the Pastoral Care division reach out and connect with people in long term care facilities, hospital, senior's residences and in people's own homes. We pray for the sick with the laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil. If you can't get to Church, we can bring Church to you. Please consider being one of our Pastoral Care Volunteers.

Pastoral Care received 17.6% of our investment in ministry or approximately \$96,660

Christian Formation

Matthew 9: 35 "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness."

Christian formation provides opportunities to explore your faith more fully. Programs are offered across the "Ages and Stages" spectrum including many programs for children and youth, for families bringing their children for baptism and confirmation or preparing themselves for marriage. In addition we have book studies, 3 Bible studies, Men's prayer, Guest Speakers, Contemplative prayer practice, workshops and retreat and our library and archive resource.

Christian Formation receives 11.2% of our budget or approximately \$61,291

Outreach

Matthew 25:40 "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

The Outreach Ministry aims to enrich the lives of those most in need by working with local and national community organizations. We provide direct help for those less fortunate in our community. Working in partnership with local support agencies and other churches is a key



element to expanding the reach and impact of St. Luke's generosity.

Our Outreach Ministry accounts for about 20.8% of our total annual investment or approximately \$114,018

Worship

Psalm 100:2 "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."

Worship is probably the most visible of the ministries: you see it every Sunday. And while it proceeds like a well-oiled machine, much planning and preparation goes into all of our services. But there's so much more that's not seen including organ repair, robes and vestments, worship supplies and bulletin preparation. Preparation of sermons, children's talks and guest preachers are all included. A large number of volunteers contribute to the worship experience.

The ministry of Worship accounts for 25.5% of our Budget or approximately \$139,735

Evangelism

Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations."

Evangelism is that way that we, as children of God and followers of Christ tell the story of God's love in the world in which we live. We support evangelism through distributing our newsletter; talking about our faith often and comfortably; ensuring that our liturgies are alive, relevant and transforming; empowering ourselves through ongoing education; and inviting others to come to church with us.

Evangelism accounts for 12.7% of our budget or approximately \$69,710

Responding to God's Love Through Giving

Anglicans know the transformational power of God's love, and Anglicans know that their response to that love is essential to perpetuating the ministry of Christ through St. Luke's church. Anglicans give because they understand that giving is an act of faith, a demonstration of their commitment to the life of the church. Anglicans give because it is fundamental to their belief in the life and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are options for how one gives, of course. Envelopes provided each family, Pre-Authorized Giving through one's bank, and/or electronically through the giving website are the best ways to give identifiably, enabling us to give you a tax receipt to reduce your taxable income. Each method is an avenue by which we communicate our dedication and loyalty.

Planned giving is the ultimate option. It ensures that we have fully exercised our desire to be good stewards of all that God has bestowed upon us. Planned gifts to the endowment of St. Luke's, or to a Trust that benefits St. Luke's, carries with it an enduring desire to preserve our legacy, and to enable the church to meet the needs of others in years to come. Wills, bequests, life insurance, and other deferred gift means provide opportunities for us to unite our life with the on-going life and ministry of St. Luke's.

For further information, please contact our rector, the Stewardship Committee, or our Parish Planned Giving Representatives, Mike Rugar or Paul Pizzolante.

